

# Reds Hit On Arrest Of Briton

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MOSCOW, (UPI)—The British government demanded Tuesday that the Soviet Union divulge the exact charges against a London teacher who was arrested April 25 and has been held incommunicado.

The demand was made in a stiff diplomatic note of protest delivered by Ambassador Sir Humphrey Trevelyan to First Deputy Foreign Minister Vasily Kuznetsov.

It was the strongest action taken by Britain thus far in the case of Gerald Brooke, 26, language teacher and lecturer at London's Holborn College. The Brooke incident has brought angry protests from the British press.

Brooke, who came here with a party of tourists, was taken into custody while visiting a group of Russians in a Moscow apartment, according to informed sources. They said a photograph album was also confiscated.

These sources said Brooke was being charged with spreading anti-Soviet propaganda.

But the Russians have refused to divulge any details or allow Brooke's wife or British officials here to visit him. It is believed that he is being held in Moscow's Lubanka Prison.

The British note demanded that Soviet authorities permit a British consular official to see Brooke "without further delay."

An Embassy spokesman said Kuznetsov had promised Trevelyan that the note would be "carefully considered."

Consular convention talks between the Soviet Union and Britain were scheduled to open Tuesday but were postponed. A British embassy spokesman said the postponement had "nothing to do" with the Brooke case.

Western observers noted that one of the main points on the agenda is the drawing up of a consular convention which would permit prompt access to detained nationals held by either country.